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SUBJECT: MULDER MEETS AFRICAN LEADERS

1. DR. CONNIE MULDER, SAG MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND INFORMATION, MET WITH "AN AFRICAN LEADER IN PARIS" ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2. MULDER MADE ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER CONFERRING WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN OFFICES OF SOUTH AFRICAN INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSING PARIS BANQUET ATTENDED BY ONE HUNDRED "OPINION-MAKERS" INCLUDING FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE ROSSI. IN BANQUET SPEECH MULDER EMPHASIZED AFRICA'S GREAT POTENTIAL AND MADE SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKING FRANCE FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPLYING SOUTH AFRICA WITH "WEAPONRY TO HELP SAFEGUARD THE SEA LANES AROUND THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE."

2. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS NOTES THAT TWO AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE, SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND MARSHAL BOKASSA OF

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CAR, ARE CURRENTLY IN FRANCE.

3. COMMENT: SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS GIVEN HEAVY AND
GENERALLY FAVORABLE PLAY TO MULDER'S EUROPEAN ZRIP.
COVERAGE MAY BE DISPROPORTIONATE TO MULDER'S ACHIEVEMENTS
BUT NEVERTHELESS INDICATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT
OF INFORMATION'S SELF-AGGRANDIZING PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
FOR ITSELF AS AN ORGANIZATION AND MULDER AS ITS MINISTERIAL
CHIEF. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE, MULDER IS IMPORTANT FIGURE
IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS WHO MANY, PROBABLY INCLUDING
HIMSELF, VIEW AS VORSTER'S LOGICAL POLITICAL HEIR. HIS
MEETING WITH STILL-UNIDENTIFIED AFRICAN LEADER WILL BURNISH
HIS REPUTATION AND MAY HELP TO MAKE UP SOMEWHAT FOR FACT
HE HAS BEEN, FOR THE MOST PART, LEFT OUT OF SAG'S DELICATE
RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS.
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